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Dear Friends:

I have been honored to work with the Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education (NOPE) since I joined the Florida Office of Drug Control in 2006. My predecessor and partner, Colonel James R. McDonough, told me about NOPE's incredible work. I have seen it first hand. They are special!


Please join me and the NOPE Task Force in holding a Candle Light Vigil in your county on October 29, 2009 during RED RIBBON WEEK. NOPE's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Candle Light Vigil will be held in memory of those who have lost their lives due to addiction and for the many survivors who continue in their honor.

During last year's event, I met many survivors and their friends who are committed to eliminating drug diversion, abuse, and addiction. Their message is compelling and very personal. The Candle Light Vigil is a solemn reminder of how important our prevention, education, and treatment messages are.

Becoming involved with or forming a NOPE chapter in your community is an outstanding way to provide immediate help for those at risk or addiction. Your involvement will create a safer Florida.

Thank you for considering my request and for your support of the NOPE Candle Light Vigil, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

  
Sincerely,

  
William H. Janes  
Director

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